

March 29, 1954

His Excellency
Dwight D. Eisenhower
President of the United States
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

On January 18, 1954 I addressed a letter to you about the warlike statements attributed by the American Press to King Saud of Saudi Arabia. On Jan. 26, 1954 Mr. Stephen P. Dorsey, Deputy Director of the Office of Near Eastern Affairs Department of State advised that an authentic version of King Saud's statement was not available, but that the policy of the Arab States was not to embark upon military aggression against Israel.

On February 5, 1954 in my reply to Mr. Dorsey I pointed out that if King Saud had been incorrectly quoted, the error should be corrected by the press. However if upon investigation it is found that the published statement was correct, then no further financial or military assistance can legally be granted Saudi Arabia as it would violate Section 202 (b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1951.

On February 5, 1954 Mr. Howard A. Cook, Chief, Public Services Division Department of State, replied that under the Tripartite Declaration of 1950, the United States stood fully behind the commitments to resist aggression in violation of existing armistice agreements between Israel and the Arab States.

It now appears that the statements of King Saud were correctly reported, because the papers state that the Arab countries are assembling armies on the borders of Israel. King Saud recently visited Cairo and it seems that he is actively engaged in preparing to carry out his warlike intentions.

An alarm must be sounded, and immediate warning given to King Saud and the Arab States that any aggression on their part will violate the Tripartite Declaration of May 1950, and the Mutual Security Act of 1951. And that the sanctions provided by those acts will be invoked.

It is of the greatest moment that firm and definite action be taken immediately because a spark in the Near East may kindle a world wide conflagration, and the cold war will become a hot war.

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King Saud has more than warlike intentions. He has publicly stated that he will conquer Israel and wipe it off the face of the earth. This is barbarianism and not to be taken lightly. When Hitler made similar statements they were ignored because deemed fantastic, but events proved him to be very serious. Thus it is with King Saud.

The United States Government and its people seek peace. Peace can be realized in this instance by a firm policy of not giving arms nor any assistance to the Arab States until King Saud and his allies agree to abandon their warlike intention and to act and live at peace with Israel and the rest of the Nations of the world.

It is respectfully requested that the United States act immediately and firmly in this case.

Respectfully yours,

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